

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2421**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Bill Berryhill  
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Huber)**

February 24, 2012

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An act to add Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 115) to Division 1 of the Water Code, relating to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2421, as introduced, Bill Berryhill. Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: peripheral canal.

Existing law requires various state agencies to administer programs relating to water supply, water quality, and flood management in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The bill would require the Legislative Analyst's Office to complete a prescribed economic feasibility analysis prior to the enactment of a statute authorizing the construction of a peripheral canal, as defined.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Chapter 1.5 (commencing with Section 115) is  
2     added to Division 1 of the Water Code, to read:

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4                     CHAPTER 1.5. PERIPHERAL CANAL

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6     115. As used in this chapter, the following terms have the  
7     following meanings:

1 (a) “Delta” means the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, as defined  
2 in Section 12220.

3 (b) “Peripheral canal” means a facility or structure that conveys  
4 water directly from a diversion point in the Sacramento River to  
5 pumping facilities of the State Water Project or the federal Central  
6 Valley Project south of the Delta.

7 116. Prior to the enactment of any statute authorizing the  
8 construction of a peripheral canal, the Legislative Analyst’s Office  
9 shall complete an economic feasibility analysis that includes all  
10 of the following:

11 (a) The total cost of the project, including environmental review,  
12 planning, design, construction, mitigation, and all related expenses,  
13 and the methods for paying those costs.

14 (b) Expected impacts of the project on taxpayers, water  
15 ratepayers, and the General Fund.

16 (c) Expected environmental and economic impacts of the project  
17 on existing public infrastructure in and around the Delta and the  
18 Delta watershed.